

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 10-16 were pending when last examined, of which Claims 1-4 are allowed and Claims 10-13 are rejected. Claims 14-16, which were withdrawn from consideration, are now canceled. Claims 1 and 10 are amended.

Election/Restriction

Applicant confirms the election of Claims 1-4 and 10-13 and withdrawal of Claims 14-16. 37 CFR 1.145.

Claim Objections

Claim 10 is objected to for reciting “fist” instead of “first.” This objected word has been deleted.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

Claims 10-13 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Office Action states that the specification does not disclose an insulating film having an opening portion with an inverse-tapered shape. The reference to “inverse tapered” shape is removed.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 10-20 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,933,533 to Yamazaki et al. (“Yamazaki”) in view of U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2005/0038276 to Laxman et al (“Laxman”).

Claim 10, as amended, depends from Claim 1, which is indicated to be allowable. Hence, Claim 10 is patentable over Yamazaki and Laxman.

Claims 11-13 depend from Claim 10 and are patentable for the same reason as Claim 10.

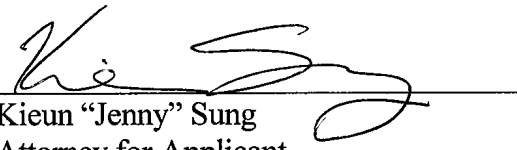
Conclusion

Based on the foregoing reasons, Claims 1-4 and 10-13 are now in condition for allowance.
Please telephone the undersigned attorney at (408) 392-9250 if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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